

Lot Type Grading Description

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COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - Use of Cocos Stamps

Cocos' first stamps - 3d to 2/3d only - were issued 11.6.1963. They were available only until 14.2.1966 when decimal currency was introduced & Australian stamps were again used. Correctly franked commercial mail in this brief period is very scarce.



Ex Lot 2500

2500	C	A/B	<p>1963-64 philatelic covers including endorsed "Satellite Tracking Station/Cocos (Keeling) Island" to USA with 8d, registered covers x4 each with 5d & 2/- including with <i>Qantas</i> imprint, with <i>OTC</i> cachet & <i>OHMS</i> with <i>Department of Civil Aviation</i> imprint, etc, also 2/- & 2/3d used on FDI on <i>OHMS</i> cover with 'OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE/...' imprint registered to South Africa that may be commercial, and post-decimal but permitted usage of 1/- (11)</p>	500 ^T
2501	C	A	<p>1963 use of Mauritius PPC by air to USA with 1/- tied by #1 cds, social message headed "en route to Australia" states "...tonight we land at Cocos Is (get out your maps!)..." [The postcard airmail rate to America was 1/-]</p>	150 ^T



Lot 2502

2502	C	A+	<p>- <i>OHMS</i> cover with 'OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE/...' imprint at L/L, by sea to the UK with 3d Copra & 5d Plane tied by #3 cds. Superb!</p>	150 ^T
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**Lot 2503**

- 2503** C B - (Nov 22) registered commercial airmail cover to **Mauritius with rare combination franking** of Cocos 2/- Native Yacht & Australia 9d Kangaroo pair tied by #3 cds, sent via Perth to Sydney to connect with the Australia-Mauritius-South Africa service, 'MAHEBOURG/4DE/63/MAURITIUS' arrival b/s, minor blemishes. **A remarkable cover**, from the husband of the sender of Lot 2497. [The international service did not pick up mail at Cocos in either direction. Mail was thus flown by domestic service to Sydney for trans-shipping. The rate was 1/6d for "other Asian countries" + 2/- registration]

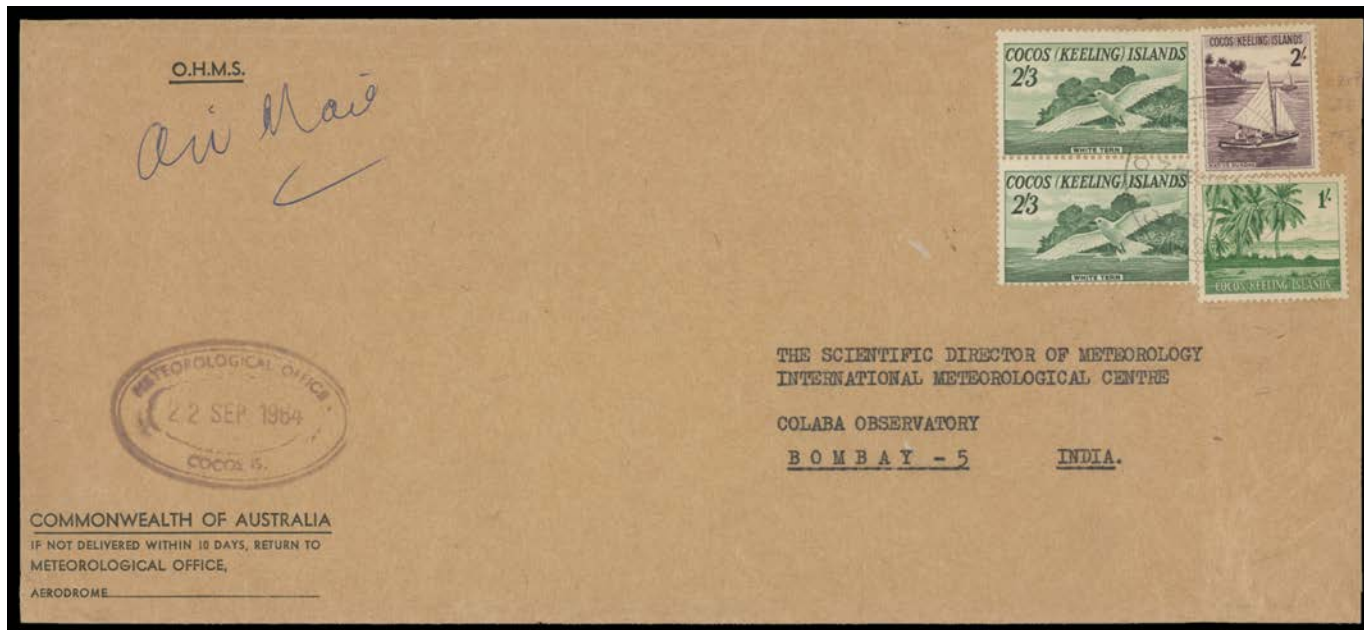
1,000^T**Ex Lot 2504**

- 2504** C/L A- **1964 OHMS cover with 'OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE/...' imprint at L/L registered to Connecticut with 2/- Native Dugong pair tied by #3 cds, Sydney transit & 'GROTON/CONN' arrival b/s. [With letter on matching stationery signed "M Eaglestone" over typed "Postmaster". (2 items)**

400^T

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Lot 2505

2505	CL	A-	- (Sep 22) OHMS cover with 'METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE' imprint at L/L & 'METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE/ 22SEP1964/ COCOS IS' cachet, to India with 1/- Palms, 2/- Native Dugong & 2/3d Bird pair tied by light #3 cds, Bombay arrival b/s of 28.9.64, minor wrinkles. One of the best covers from this period. [The rate to India was 1/6d per 1/2oz x5 = 7/6d. A similar cover with franking including 2/3d block of 4 - but without the cachet - sold at the <i>Prestige</i> auction of 2.5.2014 for \$2990]	1,500 ^T
2506	C	A	1965 use of Cocos PPC ('COCOS ISLAND/ALTITUDE 10 FEET') to GB with 3d Copra pair & 8d Map tied by #3 cds, social message states "This is just a landing field in the middle of the Indian Ocean". [The postcard airmail rate to GB & Europe was 1/2d]	150 ^T



Lot 2507

2507	C	A	- (May 3) cover with 'CLUNIES-ROSS ESTATE/KEELING COCOS ISLANDS' on the flap, airmail to London with rare franking of 2/3d Bird tied by superb strike of the #3 cds.	600 ^T
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Lot 2508

2508	C	A-	- (Dec 6) cover with 'CLUNIES-ROSS ESTATE/KEELING COCOS ISLANDS' on the flap, airmail to London with 3d Copra & 1/- Palms pair tied by the #3 cds, light vertical fold at left.	400 ^T
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